inclinations Then comes there into the Tiltyard unthought
on the ordinary post boy of London, a ragged | lUain all bemired,
upon a poor lean jade, galloping and blowing for life, and
delivered the secretary a packet of letters which he straightway
offered to my Lord of Essex

In the after-supper before the Queen they first delivered a
well-penned speech to move this worthy Knight to leave his
vain following of Love and to betake him to heavenly medita-
tion , the secretary's speech tending to have him follow matters
of state, the soldier's persuading him to the war , but the
esquire answered them all, and concluded with an excellent,
but too plain English speech that his Knight would never forsake
his Mistress's love, whose virtue made all his thoughts divine,
whose wisdom taught him all true policy, whose beauty and
worth were at all times able to make him fit to command armies
He showed all the defects and imperfections of all their times,
and therefore thought his course of life to be best in serving his
Mistress Hereupon many constructions are made of these
speeches, comparing the hermit and the secretary to two of the
Lords, and the soldier to Sir Roger Williams , but the Queen
said that if she had thought there would have been so much said
of her, she would not have been there that night, and so went
to bed

2Oth November SOUTHWELL'S [c] TRIUMPH OVER DEVTH *

Mr John Trussell hath sent to the press that consolatory
epistle written by Southwell the Jesuit on the death of the Lady
Margaret Sackville, Countess of Dorset * Our life,' saith he,
[c] is but lent, a good to make thereof during the loan our best
commodity It is a due debt to a more certain

owner than
ourselves, and therefore so long as we have it,
we receive a
benefit When we are depnved of it, we have no
wrong , we
are tenants at will of this clayey farm, not for
term of years
When we are warned out we must be ready to
remove, having
no other title but the owner's pleasure It is but
an inn, not a
home , we came but to bait, not to dwell, and the
condition of
our entrance was in fine to depart/

[c] Nature's debt is sooner exacted of some than
of others, yet
is there no fault in the creditor that exacteth but
his own, b-at